



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

- WHEREAS: Approximately 80,175 of Georgia's children and youth are considered military children, with one or both parents serving at home or abroad to preserve the freedom and democracy of our country; and
- WHEREAS: Military children are a source of pride and honor, as they significantly contribute to our schools, communities, and the State of Georgia despite prolonged and repeated absences by a guardian; and
- WHEREAS: Month of the Military Child was first proclaimed in 1986 and recognizes the contributions and personal sacrifices these children make in support of the Armed Forces of the United States of America; and
- WHEREAS: During Month of the Military Child, Georgia citizens and local communities are encouraged to demonstrate their support and celebrate our military children by recognizing that when parents serve in uniform, their children are also serving; and
- WHEREAS: Month of the Military Child provides an opportunity to pay tribute to our military children and their families for their commitment, their unique struggles, and their unconditional support for our troops; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim April 2017 as MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 18th day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

CHIEF OF STAFF